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BBAENL 131

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(Choice Based Credit System)

COMPULSORY FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

(PROSE)

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1. Answer **any one** of the following questions in not more than two pages each : **(1 × 10 = 10)**
 - (a) In what way is American English different from British English? Explain with examples from the lesson Toasted English?
 - (b) Describe Orwell's experience of shooting an elephant.
 - (c) Enumerate with suitable examples from the lesson *How I Became a Public Speaker* the various techniques that Shaw learnt in order to be an effective public speaker.
2. Answer **any two** of the following in not more than one page each : **(2 × 5 = 10)**
 - (a) What advice does Narayana Murthy give to the graduates in the concluding part of his speech?
 - (b) What are the effects of globalization and liberalization on consumers as discussed by Vandana Shiva?
 - (c) How did the Burmese people vent their anger on the imperial white men? Give suitable examples from the lesson *Shooting an Elephant*.
 - (d) How have the Americans simplified English language? Explain with examples from *Toasted English*.



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3. Do as directed :

(a) In each of the following sentences a word is underlined. Choose the right synonym of the word underlined from the alternatives given below the sentences : **(2)**

(i) The Minister pondered over the issue and promised to find a solution.

(1) reflected

(2) decided

(3) spoke

(4) avoided

(ii) The elephant suddenly became hostile and charged at the coolie.

(1) mad

(2) free

(3) passive

(4) aggressive

(b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate antonyms of the words underlined. **(2)**

(i) The big question is - is it legally amassed wealth or _____?

(ii) The writer has argued that productive land must be cultivated and _____ land must be reforested.

(c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate form of the words given in brackets. **(2)**

(i) The cricket star dismissed the media reports of rift between players as mere _____ (speculate).

(ii) Sadly, there seems to be no _____ in spending public money. (accountable)

(d) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate word given in brackets. **(2)**

(i) We got _____ in the middle of traffic and couldn't move an inch. (stuck/struck)

(ii) This place seems to be the perfect _____ (sight/site) for a new mall which the entrepreneur is planning.



- (e) Write one word substitute for the following : (2)
- (i) To bring a system to an end by gradual stages.
 - (ii) Very obviously unconventional or unusual.

SECTION - B

(POETRY)

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4. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than two pages : (1 × 10 = 10)

- (a) Comment on Lawrence's attitude towards money with suitable examples from the poem *Money Madness*.
- (b) Consider Elizabeth Barrett Browning's *How Do I Love Thee* as an outpouring to true love.
- (c) "The central theme of the poem *Richard Cory* is the gap between perception and reality". Discuss.

5. Select any two of the following passages and answer the questions set on them :

- (a) I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle light
I love thee freely, as men strive for right
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
- (i) Who does "thee" in the first line refer to? (1)
 - (ii) Mention any two ways in which the speaker will love her lover/beloved. (2)
 - (iii) What do you understand by the reference to the "sun and candle light"? (2)



- (b) No Dolphin came, no Nereid stirred ;
Nor cruel Tom nor Susan heard ;
A favourite has no friend !
- (i) Who are Dolphin and Nereid? (1)
- (ii) Who are Tom and Susan? Why does the poet mention them? (2)
- (iii) Who has no friend? Why does the poet say no? (2)
- (c) Child, I will hearken to thy prayer,
And thy unconquered soul shall know
All passionate rapture and despair.
- (i) Which word in the passage means "listen to"? (1)
- (ii) What is the "prayer" mentioned in this stanza? (2)
- (iii) Who made the prayer and to whom? (2)
6. Answer **any two** of the following in not more than one page each : (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) What is the soul's prayer? What is the soul hoping to gain through its prayer?
- (b) Describe Selima's attempt at reaching the fish and how does the attempt end.
- (c) Discuss the surprise ending of the poem *Richard Cory*.
- (d) What, according to Lawrence, would happen to people who do not have money?

SECTION - C

(GRAMMAR)

7. Do as directed :
- (a) Rewrite the following sentences as directed : (5 × 1 = 5)
- (i) The nurse is dressing the wound. (change into passive voice)
- (ii) We can repair this equipment in a few hours. (change into passive voice)



- (iii) Kavitha said, "The birds are flying away to another area".
(change into indirect speech)
- (iv) No other peak in the world is as high as the Mt. Everest.
(change into comparative degree)
- (v) Rain water is the purest water. (change into positive degree)

(b) Choose the right word given in brackets and rewrite the following sentences : **(5 × 1 = 5)**

- (i) I am terribly hungry, I _____ (want/am wanting) to eat something.
- (ii) I will _____ (return back/return) as early as possible.
- (iii) Everyone _____ (wants/want) to be successful.
- (iv) Bread and jam _____ (is/are) my favourite food.
- (v) As the members of the team performed poorly, the coach made _____ (it/them) practice over the weekend.

(c) Fill in the blanks with right articles or prepositions as required. **(5 × 1 = 5)**

- (i) I drank _____ cup of orange juice as soon as I reached home. (Fill in the blank with suitable article)
- (ii) I waited for the guest for _____ hour in the hotel lobby. (Fill in the blank with suitable article)
- (iii) This is _____ book that I wanted. (Fill in the blank with suitable article)
- (iv) Her favourite doll has fallen _____ the well. (Fill in the blank with suitable preposition)
- (v) A lot of water has flown _____ the bridge after that incident. (Fill in the blank with suitable preposition)

(d) Interpret **any one** of the following in one or two sentences : **(2)**

- (i) Danger
- (ii) School zone : Drive slow
- (iii) Trespassers will be prosecuted



(e) Rearrange the following details in bibliographical format :

(3)

Title of the book : *Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard*

Name of the author : Kiran Desai

Publication data : Atlantic monthly press, New Delhi, 1998

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